

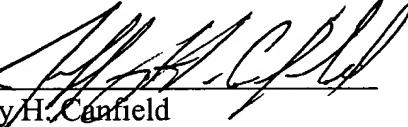
REMARKS

The present amendment and remarks are in Response to the Non-Final Office Action entered in the above-identified case and mailed on March 5, 2004. Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Davis et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,436,962 in view of Brown et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,309,028, and in further view of Herrick et al. Applicants have cancelled independent claim 1 and replaced it with new independent claim 7. With these changes Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request the Examiner to enter the amendment after final and allow the case.

If there are any remaining issues the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants' attorney, Jeffrey H. Canfield at (312) 807-4233 in order to facilitate a speedy disposition of the present case. If any additional fees are required in connection with this response they may be charged to deposit account no. 02-1818.

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